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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0074-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Kunio SHIOTA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
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Application No.: 09/881,748 ) Examiner: John S. Brusca  
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Filed: June 18, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 8762  
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING )  
CELLS USING DNA )  
METHYLATION PATTERNS )

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the non-final Office Action ("Action") mailed February 15, 2005. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments section of this paper at page 7.